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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Affording Better Protection to our
Sources and Methods Outside CIA ☐

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1. Our recent steps to strengthen security have been limited largely to CIA. I am concerned that we should also move to raise security consciousness among those who have access to sensitive intelligence sources and information in the National Security Council, on the Hill, and elsewhere. ☐

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2. One way of doing this would be to ensure that our security briefings of these officials are thorough, carry a clear message, and are of uniform standard. ☐

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3. I further suspect that telephone security is generally poor. I understand that NSA has produced an excellent film on this subject. I would be interested in knowing whether this film is being shown to audiences outside of NSA and CIA. It seems to me that all who have access to our materials should see it. ☐

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4. It may also be that there is a need to make security easier by installing more secure telephone lines. I have heard that the paucity of secure telephones at State, for example, results in too much double talk between our two organizations. I also understand that in the NSC only Dr. Brzezinski has a secure telephone in his residence. ☐

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5. I would appreciate your views on this general subject. Aside from the specific concerns expressed above, it seems to me that we should be thinking in terms of designing an approach to security which is tailored to high-level officials and their staffs--a group which has extremely broad access to sensitive information and regular contacts with the press, yet through inexperience often lacks the instilled security consciousness common to most professionals in intelligence. ☐

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